



(BOCA RATON, FL) ---- Congressman Allen West (R-FL) presented awards to student winners of the 2012 Congressional Art Competition Saturday at Sugar Sands Park in Boca Raton, Florida.

Close to 70 pieces of artwork from students living in Congressional District 22 were entered into the contest. Representative West presented awards to the following students:

First Place: Jessica Meyerson, 11th Grade, Pine Crest School: "Runaway"

Second Place: Katherine Murray, 12th Grade, Benjamin School: "Austin Grand Prix"

Third place Winners:

Lianna Zaragoza, 12th Grade, North Broward Prep: "Our Pumpkins"

Nicole Connaughton, 12th Grade, Benjamin School: "Lunch Time"

Representative West spent Saturday meeting excited students and their parents from the Congressional District, looking at their various paintings and photographs and encouraging them to continue to work hard and pursue their goals.

"I will be proud to display the winning entries in the hall of the United States Capitol and in both my Congressional and District offices," West said. "They will serve as a reflection of the talent and creativity of so many of our students in South Florida."

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the United States House of Representatives. The *Artistic Discovery* Contest is open to all high school students in the 22nd District. The first place winner will be displayed for one year in the hallway of the United States Capitol, and will receive two round trip plane tickets to Washington, DC for an awards ceremony, as well as a scholarship to study Art. The second place winner will be displayed in Congressman West's Capitol Hill office. The third place winners will be displayed in Congressman West's District offices in South Florida.

Click [here](#) for the photo gallery from Saturday's event.

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